**Let’s Explore China!**

Internet Workshop Activity

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Directions: Today we are going to investigate about China. To help us learn more information, please go to the following web address

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/kids/hh/goplaces/main/0,28375,536982,00.html>

1. It is important to know who the author of a webpage is. The author of a webpage is like the author of a book. This can give us information about who wrote it, and if the author will give us true information. The author for this website is written in the blue banner at the top left of your screen.

**Who is the author of this web site? Please fill in the blanks below.**

Time .

1. The name of a website can also give us clues about what the author will be writing or showing on their webpage. The name of the webpage is listed at the top of your browser screen. **Please write the name of this webpage.**

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1. In class, we discussed how the *Time for Kids* website is made by *Time Magazine*, a magazine that many of your parents may read. **Do you think this is a good website to use to learn about China? Why?**

Now, it’s time to explore China. Please click on the link called **Sightseeing Guide – China**. Here, you will find a big map of China and its surrounding countries.

1. The surrounding countries are colored in red. What color is China?

2. Let’s find out about China’s capital, which is called Beijing. Find **Beijing** on the map, and click. How old is China’s capital?

1. In the center of Beijing is **The Forbidden City**. What type of protection did the 24 Emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties have from invaders?
2. The Great Wall is a famous wall, and also one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Find the **Great Wall** on the map, and click. How long is the Great Wall?
3. The Grand Buddha is a giant statue in China. Please click on **The Grand Buddha**, and write two new facts you learned about the Grand Buddha.
4. Have you heard of the city Shanghai? Please find the city **Shanghai**, and write one new fact you learned about this famous Chinese city.

Now that we have learned some facts about Chinese geography, lets learn about Chinese history! Go to the grey box on the right corner of the webpage. Click on **History Timeline – China** (This link is beneath **Sightseeing Guide – China**). Read through the webpage and learn about Chinese history.

1. As you can see, the history of China is very old. Around what year did Qin Shi Huangdi unify China? What was the name of his role as the leader for China?
2. China regained control of Hong Kong in 1997. What country ruled it for the previous 99 years?
3. What event happened in Beijing in August 2008?

Good work. Now lets learn some facts about China. Go to the grey box in the right corner of the webpage. Click on **Fact File – China**. Let’s see what new information we learn!

1. China is not the official name of this country. What is the *official* name of China?
2. Many people live in China. What is the population of China?
3. Unlike America, China has more than one official language. Name two official languages of China.

Now, it’s time to learn Mandarin Chinese. Go to the grey box in the right corner of the webpage. Click on **Native Lingo – China**. Click on the link that says **MAC** beneath each greeting to learn how to speak Mandarin Chinese. Practice saying each of the greetings with your group mates.

1. How do you say, “My name is (your name) .” in Mandarin Chinese?

2. What is your favorite thing to say in Mandarin Chinese?

Congratulations! You have learned a great deal about China today. Pick out your favorite new fact, and be prepared to share this information with our class.